GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE BY NAFED
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders have been issued to NAFED to play active role for providingminimum support price to farmers for their agricultural produce;

(b) whether NAFED propose to purchase rabi produce of farmers at minimumsupport price this year in different States especially Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattishgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Minimum Support Price for major agricultural commodities isdeclared by the Government of India. NAFED is the Central Nodal Agency for procurement of Oilseeds and Pulses under Price Support Scheme.NAFED will procurethese commodities in the country including the States of Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattishgarh and Madhya Pradesh if the prices fall below the MSP and the quality conforms to Fair Average Quality (FAQ) standards fixed for the purpose.

(d): Question does not arise.